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"BACKDRAFT", starring Kurt Russell as the heroic firefighter and I think Goldie Hawn starred as one of the conflagrations, but beside that, the way that tobacco smoke enters the building is through backdrafts when doors are open and people are smoking heavily outside. During the interim, there were some offices that came open and, through the luck of the draw, I had first pick, and I was going to pick that office which had been Harland Johnson's until a member of my staff pointed out that the odor of tobacco in that particular area is very, very strong. something that she is very...well, not allergic to but very, very sensitive about and, as a result of that, even though I liked that office, we didn't go for it. Because, as a smoker, I'm one of the few people I know of that are not really bothered by the smell of tobacco, but other people are very, very much, and as well as the health consequences that Senator Thompson alluded to. I agreed to cut down the 16 to the 4, which I think is an acceptable compromise, but I think that Senator Thompson's amendment deserves our attention and our I am very much an advocate of not smoking. A lot of people are bothered by smoking and I think that this is a...a reasonable adjunct to a health bill and I urge you to vote for it and support it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Chambers, on the Thompson amendment to the committee amendments to LB 1115.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have a serious question I'm going to ask Senator Thompson, but Senator Tyson required me to make a comment on something he just said. As a former smoker, said Senator Tyson, he is not bothered by the smell of tobacco smoke, and, as a future resident, I don't think the smell of brimstone probably bothers him either. But I have a question that I want to ask of Senator Thompson.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Thompson, would you respond?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Thompson, why is the distance only ten feet?

SENATOR THOMPSON: This distance has been used by organizations.